

(c) by when the dues are to be settled and employment is provided to the dependents of those employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Department of Atomic Energy have not been able to settle the dues in respect of one employee reported missing during 1992 for want of a final report from the Police authorities concerned to the effect that the employee has not been traced after all efforts had been made by the Police. In respect of another employee reported missing since 1992, all dues except pension and gratuity have been settled. Application forms for payment of gratuity and family pension are yet to be submitted by the family member concerned of the missing employee.

(b) Of the two cases of missing employees, the application received in one case could be processed only after receipt of the final report from the Police and fulfilment of all other conditions including availability of vacancy. The dependents in the second case have not applied so far for employment.

(c) In the first case it will be possible to settle the dues and consider the application for employment on receipt of a final report from the Police station. In the other case, family pension/gratuity can be sanctioned on receipt of duly completed application forms from the dependent family member concerned.

Uranium

2054. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the States where uranium deposit is found;

(b) whether Government propose to regulate extraction of uranium in those States; and

(c) if so, the steps taken during last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a)

Uranium deposits have been established by the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration & Research (AMDE&R), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), in the States of Bihar, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Potential areas under active exploration fall also in Karnataka, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Commercial exploitation of Uranium Deposits in the country is being done in Bihar since 1965 by the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a public sector undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy. The feasibility of mining the deposits at Domiasiat in Meghalaya is being studied. The exploitation of uranium deposits available in other parts of the country would depend on establishment of technoeconomic viability of mining thereof.

Discouraging Atomic Power due to radiation related disease

†2055. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to radiation related diseases now atomic power related programmes are being discouraged throughout the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is being encouraged by Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Like any other developing country, India is a growing economy. The per capita electricity consumption needs to be

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